

Keep Public Housing Liveable!

Ironbound United Neighbors

Who we are:

We are a group primarily of senior citizens who live at Hyatt Court and FDR Housing projects. We are concerned with improving living conditions in our projects--especially increasing maintenance services, social services, and security.

What we've done:

- * We fought for a nutrition site to serve senior citizens in public housing. We got a Meals on Wheels program to serve 25 shut-ins at FDR and Hyatt Court.
- * We fought with a city-wide coalition to have more recreation, more jobs, and better police protection in Newark. We got recreation centers to stay open 2 extra weeks, one park fixed up, and a swimming pool on the list to be fixed.
- * We appeared in paper chains at a Board of Commissioners Meeting of Housing Authority, because we feel we're prisoners in our own homes without security guards.
- * We delivered a 2-foot long anniversary card to Mr. Buck, Executive Director of Housing, symbolizing 2 years of empty promises--no security, inadequate maintenance and social service.
- * We demonstrated at 57 Sussex Ave., Housing Authority, singing, "You spend lots of money, but not for us," to the tune of "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands."
- * We won dumpsters at Hyatt Court which had been on order since July 1979...and dumpsters at FDR.
- * We won shades at FDR and Hyatt Court.
- * We won minor repairs, and promises of painting, new window panes, and new windows.
- * We've won little things. But mostly we've gotten empty promises. We didn't win security guards or a larger maintenance crew. We're used to hearing promises. Housing Authority thinks it can keep us quiet by making us promises. But we know we have a lot more to fight for to make housing a better place to live--and to let Housing Authority know that we're not going to go away.

What needs to be done:

- * WE NEED TO CONTINUE PRESSURING HOUSING AUTHORITY TO MAINTAIN THE HOUSING PROJECTS CITY-WIDE.
- * WE NEED TO CONTINUE PUSHING FOR SECURITY GUARDS AT ALL HOUSING PROJECTS.
- * WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT HOUSING AUTHORITY FILLS UP ALL VACANT APARTMENTS. RIGHT NOW THERE ARE AT LEAST 2000 STANDING EMPTY.
- * WE NEED TO MAKE SURE HOUSING AUTHORITY LIVES UP TO THE TERMS OF ITS LEASE.

What you can do:

The Ironbound United Neighbors invite you to join with them in pressuring the Newark Housing Authority to keep their housing projects safe and secure.

We need to form a united group of public housing tenants to force Housing Authority to hold on to housing projects--AND NOT KICK US OUT.

NO ONE WANTS TO LIVE IN UNSAFE CONDITIONS, OR IN APARTMENTS WHERE THE PAINT IS PEELING, THE PLUMBING BACKS UP, THE HEAT DOESN'T WORK, AND NO ONE IS AROUND TO FIX THE PROBLEMS.

IF YOU WANT TO HELP KEEP HOUSING PROJECTS LIVEABLE CONTACT:

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